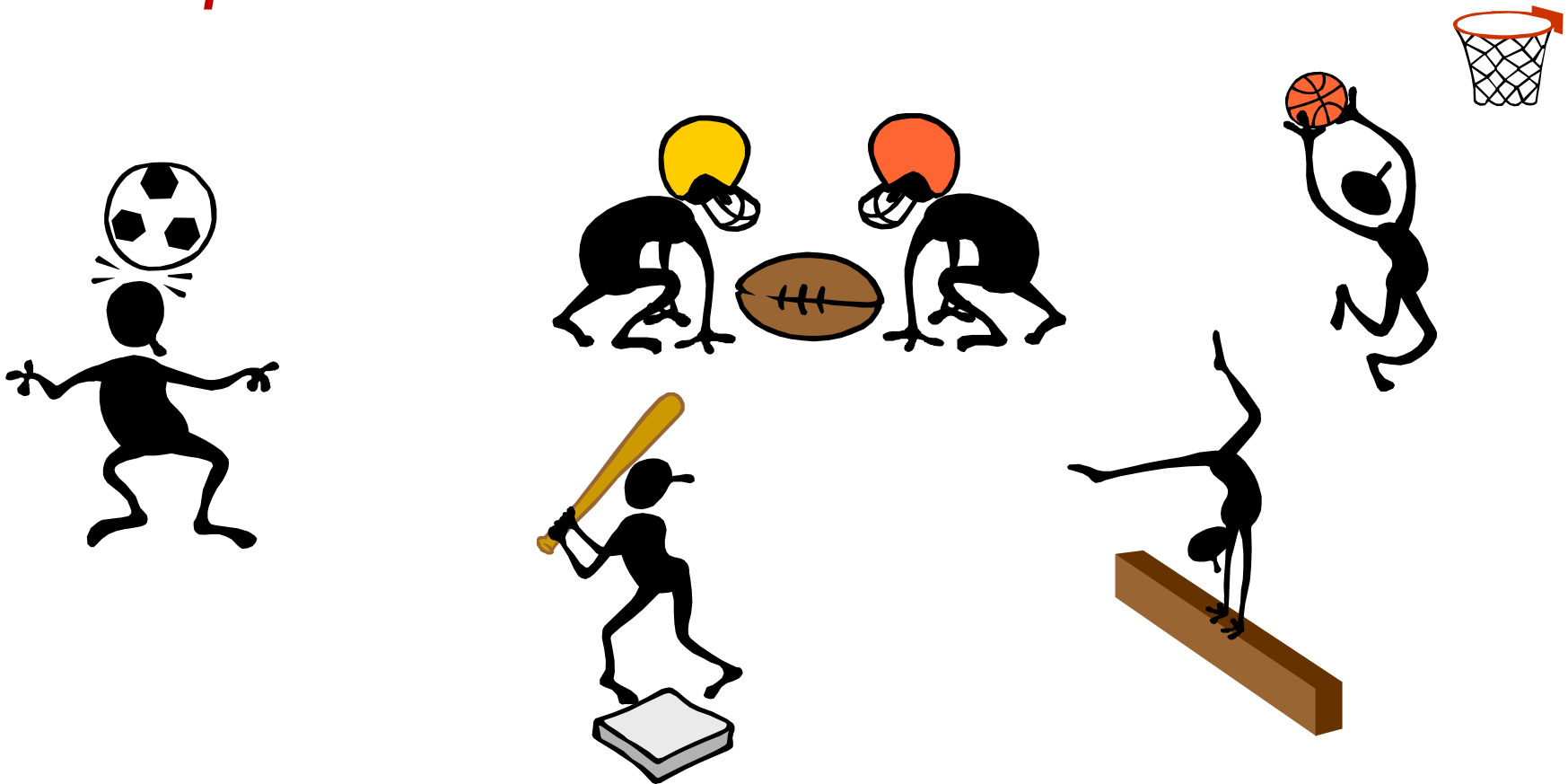


# *Tips to picking the right college and meeting NCAA Eligibility Requirements*



# DECIDING WHICH SCHOOL IS RIGHT FOR YOU

- Choose a school where you feel academically comfortable.
- Think about the environment: size of school, location, student body, programs/majors offered, athletic program, etc.
- Ask yourself, “would I still be happy at this school if I wasn’t playing for this coach/this sport/with these teammates?”
- Remember College “Fit” is so important!

# RESOURCES

- Coaches and Athletic Directors
- Counselors

## NCAA

- [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)
- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) (*NCAA eligibility center*)
- 1-877-262-1492

Remember, NAIA also has eligibility requirements. Please go to:

[www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org) (*NAIA eligibility center*)

- 1-816-595-8300

# Organization of Intercollegiate Athletics

## NCAA Division I

- Highest level - enormous time commitment

Examples: Notre Dame, UNL, KU, CSU, CU, CC Hockey/Women's soccer

- NCAA Division II

Substantial time commitment

Examples: Adams State, UCCS, CO Mesa, Mines, Humboldt State, APU, UC San Diego

- NCAA Division III

Largest number of colleges w/in NCAA

Examples: RPI, Tufts, CC in most sports, Coe, Ithaca

# Other Options

## NAIA

- Smaller colleges
- Time commitment and scholarships vary depending on school and sport

## NJCAA

- o Two –year colleges
- o Scholarships for athletics depends on the school's financial commitment to athletics

# COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY

Meeting requirements for high school graduation and NCAA eligibility does not ensure that requirements for specific college admissions have been met. Generally, colleges recommend that you take:

- 4 Yrs English

- 4 Yrs Math (Alg. 1 and higher)

- 3-4 Yrs Science

- 3 Yrs Social Studies

- 2-3 Yrs of same Foreign Language

- Elective requirements vary by school and major

Different majors may have additional requirements and the competitiveness of the college may also make a difference. Students must check with the individual universities they are applying to.

# Types of Athletic Scholarships

## Division I

Scholarships for athletic and  
academic ability

FA for need based

## Division II

Scholarships for athletic and  
academic ability

FA for need based

## Division III

Scholarships for academic  
ability only

FA for need based

## NAIA

Scholarships for athletic and  
academic ability

FA for need based

## NJCAA

Scholarships for athletic and  
academic ability

FA for need based

# NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- Your NCAA eligibility is a shared partnership between you, your parent, and your school counselors. You must identify yourself as a potential college athlete so that counselors can advise you appropriately!
- Complete registration process on NCAA eligibility website (this can be done as early as the sophomore year). Updated website allows students to create an account for D1/D2 interest, or create a profile page for D3/undecided interest.
- After your junior year (beg. of senior year), send a transcript to the NCAA from every high school attended.
- Send all ACT/SAT test scores DIRECTLY from testing agencies to NCAA (code=9999).



# NCAA Core Courses

- YOU are responsible for ensuring that you are meeting NCAA Core Course requirements. Go to the NCAA Eligibility Website and enter your school code to find the District 20 list of approved core courses (this link will be added to the Help section of the updated web site soon).

## NCAA Eligibility Center - High School Portal

**RHS school code is 060294**

**LHS school code is 060287**

**AAHS school code is 060266**

**PCHS school code is 060316**

**DCC school code is 060244**

**(all District 20 approved core courses now appear on the list)**

**DIVISION I Core Course Requirements:** You must take classes from your high school's approved core course list in order to meet these requirements! (Div II is now 16 core courses, too, but with a different set of requirements. See NCAA brochure and web site)

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years (at Algebra I level or higher)
Natural/Physical Science	2 years (1 lab)
Additional Year in English, Math or Science	1 year
Social Science	2 years
Additional Academic Courses	4 years

# Recent NCAA eligibility changes:

**Beginning with the Class of 2016, the following requirements must be met to be a NCAA Division 1 Full Qualifier:**

- **Minimum core-course GPA of 2.3 is required in the 16 approved core courses**
- **Sliding scale still in effect (core GPA + ACT/SAT score)**
- **Ten of the core courses must be completed by the end of the junior year. Seven of the ten core courses **MUST** be a combination of English, Math, and Science!**

# GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- For Division I, the grades in approved core courses will be used to compute a GPA that determines the ACT or SAT score an athlete needs to be eligible on the sliding scale.
- Requirements are slightly different for Division II: currently a min. of 2.2 core GPA and sliding scale for test scores. More flexibility with Core Academic credits...but still need 16 of them.
- Remember, the high school courses counted for “core courses” are found on the NCAA eligibility website and include all D20 core courses.

# TEST SCORES

- **SAT—Score is the total of the Math and Critical Reading.**

*Note: If you took the SAT before March 2016 and then take the redesigned SAT at a later date, the NCAA will not combine scores from the two different tests. SAT scores earned on or after March 2016 will be evaluated based on concordance tables est. by the College Board.*

- **ACT—Score is a “sum of scores”...that is, the total of the four subtests (Math, English, Science Reasoning, Reading) and does not include the composite score.**

## Summary:

- Must send transcripts directly from every high school attended to the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Must send test scores directly from ACT or SAT. Use NCAA code: 9999 to send test scores to the eligibility center (9876 for NAIA)
- Tell your counselor you are interested in college athletics and check for approved core courses on the NCAA website
- Remember that you will need to send test scores and transcripts to the Admissions office as well as the coach
- Pay attention to College Admission deadlines
- Check out the NCAA Guide for the College Bound Athlete
- Don't forget to apply for other scholarships, and for financial aid using FAFSA